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BY SURFACE TREATMENT, SURFACE
TREATED METAL OXIDE SOLUTIONS AND
METHOD FOR SEPARATING METAL OXIDES**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 17 of this paper and a page for insertion into the application is attached hereto.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.